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LETTER DATED 10 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and further to my letter of 7 December 1993, I have the honour to inform you of the violations of the cease-fire provisions and the terms governing the area of separation committed by the Iranian side during the period from 20 November to 26 December 1993.

20 November 1993

The Iranian side set up antennas for intelligence equipment 500 metres from the Iranian bank of the Shatt al-Arab at geographical coordinates 122608 inside the area of separation.

21 November 1993

The Iranian side set up antennas for intelligence equipment 500 metres from the Iranian bank of the Shatt al-Arab at geographical coordinates 05689, 083587, 190564 and 228518 inside the area of separation.

1 December 1993

At 0730 hours, a group of about six men from the Iranian side were seen repairing shelters at geographical coordinates 518529 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

2 December 1993

At 2150 hours, the sound of two Iranian single-engine boats was heard. The boats proceeded from the Iranian rear towards the rampart, from which point they fired light weapons in the direction of the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 544606 and then departed at top speed.

6 December 1993

At 0720 hours, a group of 30 to 40 men from the Iranian side were seen doing mortar training at geographical coordinates 514501 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

7 December 1993

At 1600 hours, a group of about six soldiers from the Iranian side were seen building a position at geographical coordinates 502512 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

8 December 1993

(a) At 1200 hours, a group of nine men from the Iranian side with an excavator were seen building an earthen embankment near the Iranian post at geographical coordinates 548446. At 1500 hours, they withdrew to the Iranian rear, having built a 1.5-metre-high and 50-metre-long embankment to the east of the Iranian post inside the area of separation.

(b) At 1600 hours, a new Land Cruiser belonging to the Iranian side was seen carrying six men with a video camera. They photographed the area facing the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 7122 in front of the Shib guard post inside the area of separation.

9 December 1993

(a) At 0830 hours, two Iranian helicopters were seen overflying Abadan and then returning to the Iranian rear.

(b) At 0930 hours, an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from Muhammarah. It flew parallel to the Shatt al-Arab on the Iranian side, continued flying until it was across from Sayhan and returned to Muhammarah.

(c) At 1010 hours, three Iranian helicopters were seen coming from the Iranian rear, flying in the direction of Sayhan. They then made for Abadan, flying parallel to the Shatt al-Arab on the Iranian side, and landed at Abadan airport.

11 December 1993

At 0910 hours, a group of six soldiers from the Iranian side were seen repairing the Iranian radio transmitting post at geographical coordinates 039939 in front of the Tib guard post inside the area of separation, using corrugated iron and a bulldozer.

12 December 1993

At 1045 hours, a small Iranian patrol boat was seen leaving Abadan port in the direction of the sea, with three men in military uniform on board. One was carrying field-glasses with which he was observing the Iraqi side. The boat returned to Abadan port at 1200 hours carrying the same men.

14 December 1993

At 1150 hours, a group of about six soldiers from the Iranian side set up radio equipment at geographical coordinates 503533 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

16 December 1993

A boat carrying five men armed with rifles, four of them in military uniform and the other in mufti, one of them carrying field-glasses, was launched on the Shatt al-Arab at geographical coordinates 06560 and approached the Iraqi bank for purposes of reconnaissance. It returned to its point of departure at 1200 hours.

17 December 1993

At 1455 hours, the Iranian side reinforced the Iranian post at geographical coordinates 905239 in the Kishk area inside the area of separation in front of one of the Iraqi forward units with an additional five men, four of them carrying Kalashnikov rifles and the other a PKC automatic rifle with their accoutrements.

19 December 1993

The Iranian side opened up a new observation post in front of the Iraqi forward units at geographical coordinates 0570.

20 December 1993

(a) At 1545 hours, an Iranian patrol boat left Abadan port with three soldiers on board, one of them an officer carrying field-glasses to observe the Iraqi side. At 1630 hours, the boat returned to its point of departure.

(b) At 1725 hours, the Iranian side fired two illuminating shells from an 81-millimetre mortar at the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 904886.

22 December 1993

At 0955 hours, the Iranian side proceeded to build an Iranian post of blocks and cement, with a sheet-iron roof, at geographical coordinates 907751 inside the area of separation.

23 December 1993

(a) At 2300 hours, the Iranian side fired an illuminating shell from an 81-millimetre mortar, which fell at geographical coordinates 906845 (Kut Sawadi), 200 metres from the Iraqi forward units.

(b) At 2340 hours, the Iranian side fired two illuminating shells from an 81-millimetre mortar, which fell at geographical coordinates 906845 (Kut al-Sawadi) and geographical coordinates 904872 (Bubiyan), respectively. The shells were followed by an estimated 50 shots from light weapons in the direction of the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 922872.

24 December 1993

(a) At 0100 hours, the Iranian side fired six illuminating shells from an 81-millimetre mortar. Four of these fell at geographical coordinates 914862 (Bubiyan) and two at geographical coordinates 901872 (Bubiyan), 200 metres from the Iraqi forward units.

(b) At 2050 hours, the Iranian side fired an illuminating shell from an 81-millimetre mortar, which fell at geographical coordinates 906844 (Kut al-Sawadi), 200 metres from the Iraqi units.

(c) At 2110 hours, the Iranian side fired two illuminating shells from a mortar, which fell at geographical coordinates 906844 (Kut al-Sawadi), 200 metres from the Iraqi units.

(d) At 2115 hours, the Iranian side fired three illuminating shells from an 81-millimetre mortar in front of crossing point No. 8. The shells fell at geographical coordinates 944742 (Kharnubiyah), 200 metres from the Iraqi units.

26 December 1993

At 1500 hours, the Iranian side fired an illuminating shell from an 81-millimetre mortar, which fell at geographical coordinates 906844 (Kut al-Sawadi), 200 metres from the Iraqi units. At 1502 hours, the Iranian side fired an illuminating shell from an 81-millimetre mortar, which fell at the same geographical coordinates.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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